Long Term Management Strategy

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General Operating Principles
Pilot Dredged Material Management Office (DMMO)

Goals

To establish a cooperative permitting framework as part of LTMS implementation that reduces redundancy and unnecessary delays in permit processing and increases consensus decision-making among agency staffs, while assuring that: (1) the laws and policies of the member agencies will be fully implemented; (2) full public review and input to the decision making process will be maintained; and (3) projects will be managed in an environmentally and economically sound manner.

Objectives

- Combined application form for maintenance dredging applications.

- Coordinated staff processing of all dredging permit applications.

- Preparation of joint staff recommendations on: (1) sediment quality sampling and analysis plans; (2) suitability calls for disposal; and (3) approval or denial of permits (including disposal location, timing, and other permit conditions).

- Increased beneficial use of dredged material.

- Creation of a shared database for dredging project and disposal site monitoring information.

General Operating Principles

1. The DMMO is a cooperative activity of the participating agencies.

2. Agency staffs will coordinate processing of pilot permit applications by the agencies, subject to the applicable laws and requirements of each agency.

3. Agency staffs will make a combined decision regarding sediment quality sampling and analysis plans, and suitability for disposal of pilot applications.

4. Agency staffs will work towards a single staff recommendation on substantive aspects of pilot permit applications, including disposal locations and proposed special conditions.

5. Agency staffs will support the consensus recommendation made through the DMMO that affect projects within their permit jurisdictions, subject to final approval by agencies.

6. Agency staffs will improve and refine the joint-agency application form for maintenance dredging permits.

7. The program will accommodate the policies and laws of the participating agencies.

8. The pilot program policies will be based on agreements and policies reached as part of the LTMS whenever possible.

9. The administrative process for processing permits as part of the pilot project will be defined by mutual agreement of agency staffs and documented in a Memorandum of Understanding.

10. Full public input to the permit process as part of the pilot project will be ensured, and the pilot project itself will be subject to full public review and comment.
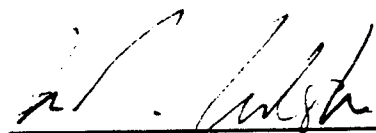
11. Agencies will implement the DMMO formulated through the pilot program, subject to review and approval by the decision makers at each agency after public review and comment.

12. One of the agencies will act as the "host" agency in order to provide a single point of contact for applicants and to provide necessary logistical support. That agency is presently the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Logistical support will include providing meeting space; preparing agendas; preparing meeting minutes; distributing information among participants, applicants, and interested parties; and maintaining files.

13. A combined database will be created to share information among the agencies, applicants, and interested parties.

14. The project will be expanded over time, as appropriate, to coordinate agency processing of all dredging and disposal permit applications, disposal site monitoring, and other important regulatory aspects of LTMS implementation.

15. This document will stay in effect until it is superseded through adoption of Memoranda of Understanding or other appropriate instruments by the member agencies.
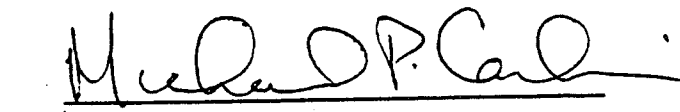

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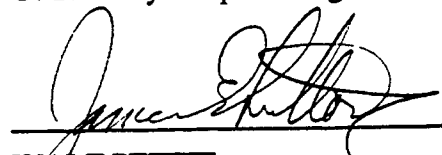Development Commission

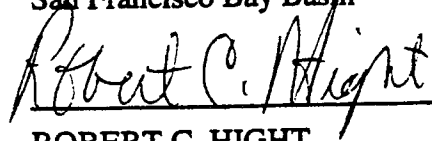
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